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For: **HIGH ASPECT RATIO CONTACT SURFACES
HAVING REDUCED CONTAMINANTS**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 3, 2006, requiring election of one of Species 1 (claim 45, pertaining to a semiconductor device) and Species 2 (claims 46-49, pertaining to an integrated circuit), Applicants hereby provisionally elect Species 2, with traverse. Claims 46-49 read on the provisionally elected species.